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It's shaping up to be a busy construction season on Puget Sound highways as WSDOT makes good on its promise to deliver projects during the 2006 construction season. On I-5 between Seattle and Shoreline here is what to expect in the coming weeks:

Overhead sign work closes southbound I-5 lanes, ramps through downtown Seattle

Monday through Thursday this week our maintenance crews will close lanes and ramps on southbound I-5 through downtown Seattle to replace overhead signs. To minimize delays, we have scheduled these closures during hours when traffic volumes are low. However, we encourage drivers to plan ahead and "know before you go" by visiting our Web site, listening to radio traffic reports and calling the 511 travel information line. Signed detours will be provided.

Crews close southbound lanes on I-5 through Shoreline to stripe newly paved freeway

Crews are making major progress on the project on I-5 in Shoreline. The workers finished paving and are striping the new lanes this week. Tonight and tomorrow night, Pacific Road & Bridge Co., Washington State Department of Transportation contracted crews, will close southbound lanes on Interstate 5 in Shoreline to place permanent roadway striping. This work is weather dependent so work may be delayed if weather conditions are too cold or wet. The project is funded by the 2003 "Nickel" funding package.

Expect closures as crews upgrade seven I-5 bridges in north Seattle

Drivers will notice barrier, barrels, and signs between NE 50th and NE 175th streets in North Seattle as crews prepare to start retrofitting seven bridges on I-5 to bring them up to current earthquake standards. Drivers will see significant ramp and express lane closures this summer.

How to get around during construction

There are many ways for you to get information and avoid traffic delays. Before hitting the highways plan ahead, check our real-time traffic map and pay attention to the signs along the way. If you can, consider alternate routes or adjusting your driving schedule to avoid the worst traffic. Here's how:

Before you leave your home or office

WSDOT offers several ways to get up-to-date traffic and construction information from our Web site:

- **Traffic map** - See where traffic is heavy and light to help you avoid congestion
- **Travel times** – Get real-time point-to-point travel times
- **Traffic cameras** - See traffic conditions on a growing number of highway locations throughout the Puget Sound region
- **E-mail alerts** – Get timely information about WSDOT's projects and upcoming closures sent to your in box. Sign up for other e-mails about other highways that interest you.
- **Construction update report** – Get a comprehensive, seven-day advance listing of lane, ramp and road closures
- **Project pages** -Find your highway and see the long and short-term construction plans

Know on the road

- **511** - This driver information phone line provides real-time traffic, incident and closure information
- **Overhead and roadside electronic signs** - Emergency and incident alerts and, in some Seattle-area locations during rush hours, point-to-point travel times
- **Highway advisory radio** - Yellow signs with flashing lights alert drivers to tune into radio frequencies airing construction updates
- **Work zones** - watch for construction zone signs, barrels, barriers and cones. Slow down and stay alert when driving through construction zones, not just for the construction workers, but also for you and your passengers. Far more motorists are injured in work zone collisions than construction workers.

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